

# GVPT NEWS

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It has been a most exciting academic year. GVPT has hired 6 new faculty scheduled to start in August 2008, Americanists Brian McKenzie, Stella Rouse and Antoine Banks. Middle East/comparativist, Daniel Corstange, Theorist Ian Ward, and in IR, Sarah Croco.

We also say goodbye to Professor Miranda Schreurs who we will all miss very much. Professor Schreurs has accepted a permanent position at **Freie Universit Berlin** as Director of Environmental Policy Research Centre and Professor of Comparative Politics in the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science.

The most efficient way to keep abreast of developments in the Department of Government and Politics is to spend a few minutes each month reading GVPT NEWS which runs from September to December and February to May each year. We cover all the workshops, seminar series, panel discussions, brown bags, and general meetings that occur in the Department. We discuss undergraduate and graduate student affairs. We also bring you updates on past PhDs. This month under the category of "Other", 1990 Alum Franke Wilmer submitted a message to her fellow alums about her experience serving on the Montana House of Representative.

Also, graduate students thinking about an academic career should take advantage of the full range of research, teaching, and service experiences available from our faculty at the various workshops.

We will continue to stay in touch so that you can stay in touch.

**Mark I. Lichbach**  
**Professor and Chair**



### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

#### **Graduation**

The GVPT Commencement Ceremony will be taking place on Friday May 23, 2008 at 1PM in the Reckord Armory. All faculty are invited to attend. If you need more information, please contact Jennifer Coarts at [jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jcoarts@gvpt.umd.edu)

GVPT has selected the Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker. Ms. Stephanie Albanese will be delivering the student address at the GVPT Commencement ceremony. Please congratulate her on this impressive honor!

#### **Departmental Scholarship Winners**

Please congratulate the following 2008-2009 GVPT Scholarship Winners:

##### **Mary Elizabeth Roby Scholarships (\$2500):**

###### **Jourdan Brooks**

After graduating from Maryland in 2008, Jourdan plans to attend law school at the University of Maryland, School of Law or Howard University School of Law. She has an interest in civil rights and labor disputes law. Jourdan would like to stay in the area and work for the government in DC. Her goal is to become a judge for civil proceedings and ultimately Solicitor General of the United States or a Supreme Court Justice. But in all that she really seeks to help those who don't have a voice of their own.

###### **Amanda Eddy**

Once completing her BA in Government in Politics with a Certificate in Women's Studies, Amanda plans to attend law school to become a lawyer. She wants to focus on the Constitutional rights of the accused and work with accused criminals, especially women and minorities, to ensure that they are treated properly under the Constitution and in accordance with the rules of the court.

Vaughn Scholarships:

**Vaughn Scholarships (\$2500):****Tsehaitu (Tubi) Retta**

Tsehaitu (Tubi) Retta is a junior Government & Politics major with a focus in African American Studies. She is a CIVICUS associate and also a fellow in the Rawlings Undergraduate Leadership Program. She currently serves as President of the Maryland State Youth & College Division of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She is also active in the Ethiopian Student Association. Upon graduation she hopes to continue her studies in law school where she plans to acquire a J.D. and an M.A. in Education Policy. She is passionate about bridging the academic achievement gap that exists between various racial & socio-economic sub-groups. She hopes to one day be a policy analyst working towards improving our nation's education system.

**Brian M. Gardner Public Service Award (\$1500):****Olivia Brice**

Olivia is a rising junior Government and Politics major. After graduating from the University of Maryland she anticipates applying for the Teach for America program and then proceeding on to Law School. Olivia hopes to pursue a career as an attorney or as a lobbyist.

Brian M. Gardner Public Service Award:

**Brad Docherty**

Brad is a junior Government & Politics and Operations Management double major. He is currently an RA in Wicomico Hall and serving as the Senior Vice President of the Student Government Association. Next year Brad will be serving as an undergraduate representative in the University Senate. His goals after graduation include attending law school and pursuing research in responsible government at a non-profit in Washington, DC.

**Oppenheimer Scholarships (\$1000):****Joshua Gillerman**

Joshua Gillerman is a sophomore Government and Politics Major with a minor in Philosophy. Additionally, he is a member of the College Park Scholar's Public Leadership Program as well as the Beyond the Classroom Program, dedicated to civic engagement and social change. Josh serves on the executive board for UMCP's College Democrats and is also a member of SKETCHUP, Maryland's sketch comedy team. After his undergraduate studies, he plans on attending law school and eventually pursuing a career in politics.

**Jennifer Young**

Jennifer wants to be an academic and researcher. After graduation she intends to go on to graduate school, and then on to working towards a PHD. Jennifer may also take a few years off from her education to join the workforce in the State Department, possibly in China. As a researcher, she plans to focus on the internet's effects on government and politics, both in America and in China.

**GVPT Students Win Terrorism Awards**

Please congratulate Sabrina Hammouda and Ben Rosenbaum on being accepted to the 2008-2009 Career Development Program with the START Center. Each undergraduate student participating in the program receives a one-year \$15,000 scholarship. In addition, the participants work on START research projects, receive support for travel to relevant conferences and training programs, and have the opportunity to meet with homeland security policy-makers and practitioners from a range of sectors throughout the year. The goal of the

program for undergraduates is to introduce them to different career paths within the broad-based homeland security community.

### Alumni News

#### Semi-Annual GVPT Alumni Student Mixer

The department had a record turnout for its GVPT Alumni Student Mixer held on April 15, 2008 at McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant in Washington DC. GVPT Terps from the 1960's to 2007 joined current undergraduate students to lend advice and perspective on the Government & Politics program and careers after graduation. The next GVPT Alumni event will likely be taking place in October. Keep a lookout in your inboxes for the invitation.

### MOCK TRIAL WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The University of Maryland Mock Trial team won an unprecedented fifth national championship over weekend, triumphing in a field that included teams from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell, Berkeley, Michigan, University of Virginia, UCLA, Chicago, Wisconsin, Georgetown, and many other traditional mock trial powers. Undergraduate Terrapin attorneys began by splitting a close round with pre-tournament favorite NYU, then soundly defeated Macalester, Bowling Green, and Cornell to qualify for the finals against George Washington. Arguing before several state Supreme Court justices, Maryland won a close decision to bring the national title back to College Park. The winning team consisted of Ayotunde Otukoya (Crim), Kara Wilcox (GVPT), William Z. Mundy (GVPT), Emily Fetter (GVPT), Kaitlyn Murphy (PHIL), Raymond Jones, Lauren Forgie, and Brian Nettey. Freshmen Raymond Jones was named an All-American witness. Maryland coaches Amir Sadeghy and Aisha Henry became the first persons in the American Mock Trial Association to win national championships as both students (at UMCP) and coaches. This was Coach George Failla's third national championship ring and the first for Coach Mark A. Graber.

**Wayne McIntosh**  
GVPT Undergraduate Director



### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

As the current academic year comes to a close, we are busily finalizing our next class of graduate students, honoring several of our current students, and preparing for end of classes and graduation.

Although our funding situation has made it a difficult year to recruit graduate students, we have had considerable success. We accepted just over 15% of our 266-person applicant pool, and we are currently on track to enroll an entering class of 19 students. We had an unusually high yield this year, and we were able to attract some of our very best applicants. A list (and short bios) of the members of the incoming class will be distributed at the end of the recruitment season. Thanks very much to all who met with prospective students, gave campus tours, etc. Your recruitment efforts make it possible for us to attract such outstanding students.

As it stands, the following doctoral students will be graduating in May:

**Steven Maloney**

Title: Abortion Escorts and Democratic Participation

Committee:

C. Fred Alford, Chair

Stephen Elkin

Peter Levine (PUAF)

Mark Graber

Ruth Zambrana (WMST)

**Rima Pavalko**

Title: The Political Foundations of Ibn Bajjah's Governance of the Solitary

Committee:

Charles Butterworth, Chair

Michael Blaustein, St. John's College

Shipleigh Telhami

Jillian Schwedler

Madeline Zilfi, Dean's Rep (HIST)

**Marcus Schaper**

Title: Greening Export Promotion: A Comparative Study of Environmental Standard-Setting For Export Credit Agencies

Committee:

Miranda Schreurs, Chair

Kenneth Conca

Virginia Haufler

Bartlomiej Kaminski

Ruth Matthias, Dean's Rep (PUAF)

Finally, we congratulate our recent award recipients:

**Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz** received the Conley Dillon Award. She also received the George M. Phillips Award from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship for 2008-2009 from the Graduate School.

**Becca Thorpe** received the Roger Davidson award for her paper entitled "Why Weapons Don't Work: Economic Motivations for Congressional Defense Spending".

**Sung Wook Paik** received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

**Susan Macek** received a Career Development Program fellowship from the START program.

Great job!

**Irwin Morris**

**GVPT Graduate Director**



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR**

Just when I think the placement "season" is over I hear more good news. Stephen Aylward has found a position at St. Joseph's College in Maine, and is enthusiastic about his prospects there. Jennifer Dabbs Sciubba got job offers from the College of Charleston and at Rhodes College, and has accepted the Rhodes Mellon Environmental Politics Post-Doctoral position. Congratulations to both of them!

I will be holding a session on Friday May 9 on the academic placement process, and introduce the new online system then. All students are welcome to come check it out.

Since this is the final newsletter of the year, I just wanted to thank everyone who has helped out. Ann Marie is of course fantastic in putting together student files and getting them out, in addition to the fact that she is a great cheerleader for our grads. Irwin and Mark have been very supportive of placement in general, and of my ideas for it in particular. All the faculty have been really great in trying to get the best positions for our students. But most of all I want to thank all the graduate students for being such a pleasure to work with. Congratulations and good luck to all the people who will be moving on and taking up new jobs in the fall.

**Virginia Haufler**  
**Director of Placement**



### **MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

#### **Upcoming GSA events:**

Our last GSA meeting of the year will be Wednesday, May 7th at 11am in Tydings 1111. We will draft a GSA priorities list to be presented at the last faculty meeting of the year, so please attend. As always, there will be free pizza.

We would also like to announce the winners of the GSA election:

Co-Chairs: Jesse Douglas-Mathewson & Jason Muldrow  
 Social Co-Chairs: Alison Staudinger & Martin Elissetche  
 Admissions Committee: Mike McDonald, Ozan Kalkan, Rabih Helou  
 Graduate Studies Committee: Brittany Bramlett, Melissa Bell, Sung-Wook Paik  
 Undergraduate Studies Committee: Katie Baxter

Teaching Committee: Maren Milligan  
 Professional Development: Molly Inman,  
 BSOS Policy & Curriculum: Breanna Forni

International Student Liason: Maria Dimitriu  
 GVPT Awards: Jill Gloekler

American Field Rep: Melissa Bell  
Comparative Field Rep: Alma G-Mchale  
IR Field Rep: Tony Marcum  
Political Economy Field Rep: Jesse Douglas-Mathewson  
CP4 Field Rep: Molly Quell  
Political Theory Field Rep: Alison Staudinger & Benli Schechter  
Formal Theory: Maria Dimitriu & Steve Wendell  
Methods: Jim Curry & Chris Sullivan

Congratulations and good luck with the end of the semester!

Your GSA Co-chairs,  
Katie Baxter – [kbaxter@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:kbaxter@gvpt.umd.edu)  
Alison Staudinger - [astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu)



### STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

**CONGRATULATIONS JENN COARTS for winning the 2008 BSOS Outstanding Staff Award.**



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's

#### Books

**Atkins, Patricia**, PhD graduate, 1984. Was co-editor with David K. Hamilton *for Urban and Regional Policies for Metropolitan Livability*, M.E. Sharpe, February 2008.

**Halter, Gary**, PhD graduate, 1970. McGraw-Hill will publish the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of my book on Texas politics. Also, a new edition of my Texas state and local book will be published with Thomas E. Patterson's *The American Democracy*, 8th edition.

#### Other

**Weil, Carola** - PhD graduate, 2003: has been promoted to associate dean, planning and strategic initiatives.

**Wilmer, Franke** - PhD graduate, 1990: [Dear GVPT Alums.](#)

First, thanks so much to those of you who supported my first campaign to represent House District 64 in the Montana House of Representatives. With your help I won the election with 57% of the vote (in a district where the previous three-term Democratic incumbent polled between 52% and 55%). In spite of what was often a contentious and, at times, uncivil climate during the 2007 legislative session (see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zZFjotVCKw>), I worked with a bipartisan group of legislators and Governor Schweitzer to pass a fiscally responsible budget that

- continued to make progress toward remedying the chronic under-funding of K-12 education,
- included a package of bills aimed at enabling the Board of Regents to hold the line on in-state tuition,
- expanded access to Children's Health Insurance,
- paid cash instead of issuing bonds for needed infrastructure, and
- issued a tax rebate that put \$400 back into the hands of Montana resident property owners.

During the 2007 session I served on the House Education Committee and the State Administration and Veteran's Affairs Committee, and introduced several bills that did pass the House with broad bipartisan support – one to increase tax credits for residential

alternative energy and one to create tax credits for day care expenses for working parents. Unfortunately, both were subsequently tabled in the House Appropriations Committee. I also sponsored a bill to facilitate the development of ethanol fuel that did pass both houses and was signed into law by the governor.

I am currently serving as Chair of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs interim committee, which has carried out a study of mail-ballot elections, developed a Legislator's Handbook on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and held hearings on issues related to Veterans' Post-Deployment Mental health assessment and treatment. I was also recently appointed to serve on the Governor's Capital Financial Advisory Council and, along with other members of the Democratic Women's Caucus, working with the Governor to organize a conference on "Closing the Gender Wage Gap in Montana."

I am running for re-election and hope to go back to Helena and continue to work on accelerating the development of clean alternative energy, further expanding children's health care coverage (37,000 Montana kids are still uninsured), and continuing support for public education. I am working with State Auditor John Morrison's "Healthy Kids Montana" initiative (literally, a ballot initiative I-155) that would raise the ceiling for Montana's SCHIP program and add another 30,000 kids to qualify for coverage.

There's a good chance that the Democrats will have a majority in the House this time, but some chance they will lose a majority in the Senate. The Senate majority in the last session was achieved only when a termed-out Republican senator switched parties (he is now running for statewide office so it was not entirely a lame-duck move on his part). We are cursed with term limits and no one on either side of the aisle likes that, but it is not something, apparently, anyone is high motivated to spend political capital on in order to change.

While there is no question that it would be more fun to be in the majority, it would still, as it has been for the last four sessions, be at best by a narrow margin. The moderate Republicans worked with the Governor and the 49% Democratic House majority to pass last session's budget bill. The most extreme wing (led by one Constitutionalist and one Republican who voted with the Constitutionalist all session) tried to "purge" the Republican party of these moderates who they characterized as "socialists." Instead, they found themselves primaried and effectively purged. Our own conservative local paper opined that the legislature will be a better place without them.

The most fun? Leading the opposition to a bill that would ban the United Nations from serving arrest warrants in Montana. The least fun? Having to lead the opposition three times (twice in committee, once on the floor) to a David Howitz-Anne Neal inspired "academic diversity" bill and study bill. I never thought for a minute that the sponsors (the extremists above) meant to require that our Economics Department hire a couple of Marxists for balance, but I didn't bring that up.

The most moving? Hands down the floor debate on a bill that would regulate the speech rights of "funeral protestors." It was a chilling reminder of exactly the kind of debate I imagine that the Framers anticipated would some centuries after the constitution was written would take place in a small state legislature made up entirely of "citizen-legislators." Here was speech that offended everyone, so the debate was really about the core issue of restricting universally offensive speech. I was so moved that I purchased a DVD copy (the entire session was recorded and also broadcast live) to use in class.

Finally, the most hilarious: testimony in committee hearing in support of a bill to ban human cloning in Montana (did you know we were on the verge of an outbreak?). The witness, a clergyman, began a long retelling of several science fiction films including "The Island" and warned that if we did not act now, fully developed human clones would soon be grown and harvested for body parts. They would "disappear" just as the people in rubber suits did on "The Island." Ah, another DVD I had to bring home. The other witnesses seated behind him go from serious and attentive listening to squeezing crossed legs and falling off their chairs in silent laughter as his testimony progresses. The outcome? Montana will be the "clone-safe" research capitol of the US.

Of course I would welcome campaign support – my opponent is a Ron Paul supporter and very nice guy. I've spoken with him on the phone and look forward to a good campaign debate that will give the voters clear choices. You can always reach me via email at: [franke.wilmer@gmail.com](mailto:franke.wilmer@gmail.com)



## **FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

### **AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS**

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our

meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

The Spring 2008 American Politics Workshop will meet from 10:30 to 12:00 in Tydings 1111 on the days scheduled below. The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

### Schedule:

#### May 9

Religious Cues and Cue-giving. Two papers:

- Kerem Ozan Kalkan and Geoff Layman, "A Muslim by any Other Name? An Experimental Assessment of Religious and Ethnic Identifiers on Support for Political Candidates"
- Matt Burger, "Clergy and Churches as Political Elites and Cue-Givers: Preaching to the Choir?"

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. *All workshops will be held in 1136 Tydings Hall from 11am-12:15pm unless otherwise indicated.* Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at [www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop) as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Virginia Haufler at [vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu) or call at 301-405-4122.

### Schedule

Friday, May 2 – 11-12:15, TYDings 1111

"Books, Drugs, and Seeds: the Politics of Access to Knowledge" Susan Sell, George Washington University

Discussant: Michael McDonald

A copy of Susan Sell's paper is now posted on the IR workshop webpage: (<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop/schedule.html>)

### First International Relations Field Conference Wednesday May 14 Stamp Student Union

### COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The Comparative Politics speaker series is in full swing. In March we hosted Mark Blyth of Johns Hopkins speaking on certainty and uncertainty in comparative political economy, and Sheri Berman of Barnard/Columbia on rethinking European democratization. In April we hosted Kanchan Chandra of NYU speaking on ethnic identity politics in India, and methodological issues involved with field work.

The comparative subfield urges students whose first and second fields are comparative to attend all workshops and seminars. Contact Margaret Pearson, subfield chair, if you have any questions.

### **Schedule**

#### **May ?**

Lisa Weeden 11-12:30, DATE, Location, Title TBA

### **DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS**

The DCAWP is dedicated to the rigorous study of contentious political phenomena including, but not limited to state repression/human rights violation, protest, civil war, genocide/politicide, everyday resistance as well as interstate conflict.

This workshop is meant to help authors refine and revise their work for publication. As such, we do not present/discuss work that is already published, but work in any other phase of completion is welcomed, including work that is just getting underway. We encourage both graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. We also encourage faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

The DCAWCP format is as follows: the paper is submitted to the group roughly one week prior to the discussion (or earlier if possible); everyone reads the paper and comes prepared to discuss; two discussants lead off the discussion with their comments on the work after which the author is allowed to respond; finally, the floor is opened to the audience for discussion.

The plan is to meet every other Wednesday of the semester in 0139 CIDCM Conference Room from 11:00-12:15pm. If interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

### **Schedule:**

#### **May 14**

Paper:

Discussant:

To find out more about DCAWCP please explore our website <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/davenport/dcawcp> where you will find a schedule, past papers discussed at the workshop and directions to the campus.

The DCAWCP organizing committee: Christian Davenport, Jack Goldstone, Paul Huth, and Mark Lichbach. This year Christian Davenport and Paul Huth, Professors in the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland will organize the workshops. Please email Graduate Student Ben Appel at [bappel@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:bappel@gvpt.umd.edu) that will be assisting with the organization of the workshops.

## FORMAL POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please watch for future emails and newsletters for more panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are most welcome, especially those with some interest in wars and/or game theory. A lot of really clever work has been done recently in this area. So even if you don't care at all about wars, and couldn't care less about game theory, you should come just to find out what is going on.

## POLITICAL THEORY/PHILOSOPHY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Political Theory reading group will run biweekly through May. Those interested in suggesting a reading, and willing to offer a brief introduction to it at the reading group should it be chosen, should contact Jeremy Janow, [jjanow@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:jjanow@gvpt.umd.edu).

## QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The Quantitative Politics group will hold a biweekly series of workshops and seminars. All are welcome to attend, and we are currently soliciting presenters and authors.

For new students, the Quantitative Politics group seeks to connect students and faculty interested in learning about and discussing formal theory, statistical methods, simulation modeling, and other quantitative techniques. We do not limit the discussion to particular substantive areas (American Politics, IR, etc), but instead focus on how to better use, and critique, the available quantitative tools.

We are planning two types of meetings:

1. Workshops in which participants engage in a detailed discussion of a paper, giving feedback to the author on how to clarify and improve the model and analysis. The author would circulate the paper beforehand.
2. Seminars in which a speaker presents an interesting quantitative technique, such as panel data or GIS analysis.

Meetings will be bi-weekly, on Tuesdays at 11am. If you are interested in presenting a paper or technique (or to request that someone else present a topic), please contact Steve ([swendel@umd.edu](mailto:swendel@umd.edu)) or Ben ([bappel@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:bappel@gvpt.umd.edu)).

Finally, we would like to avoid spamming the entire department and thus will keep future discussion to the quantitative politics email list. Please signup for the list if you want to participate in meetings, etc. If you are not yet on the list, you can subscribe by sending an email to: ["listserv@listserv.umd.edu"](mailto:listserv@listserv.umd.edu) The email body should contain: "subscribe quantitativepolitics your name". For example: "subscribe quantitativepolitics Jane Doe". Any questions? Suggestions? Contact Steve Wendel (swendel) or Ben Appel (bappel).

The updated schedule can also be found on our wiki at:

<http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/UMd>

[http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page)

## COMMITTEE ON POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY (CP4) WORKSHOPS

The Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy (known informally as CP4) is an interdisciplinary graduate specialization sponsored by the [Department of Government and Politics](#), the [Department of Philosophy](#), the [Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy](#), and the [Maryland School of Public Policy](#). The CP4 monthly workshop is an excellent opportunity to interact with faculty and graduate students across disciplinary lines.

Workshops take place one Friday a month, **2:00-3:30 p.m. in Tydings 1136**. The paper should be read in advance; speakers will talk only briefly before discussion begins. Please see <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/prospective/specialization/cp4workshop.html> for a copy of the paper. To be added to our e-mail list, or if you have questions, please contact Prof. Karol Soltan of the Government and Politics Department at [ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu).

### Schedule:

**A reminder:** Please read the paper (or as much of it as possible) before the workshop. The papers will be posted on the CP4 Workshop Website (google: cp4 workshop)



## CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC)

CAPC hosted a booth on voting at Maryland Day. Thousands of people stopped by to test out the state's voting systems. We also registered dozens of voters and election judges.

### Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

#### "Crisis in Lebanon: the Regional Context"

On Tuesday, April 15, 2008, Mr. Muhammad Ali Farhat, senior editor of the respected Arabic daily newspaper *\_Al Hayat\_*, conducted a seminar at CIDCM on the topic of "Crisis in Lebanon: The Regional Context." Mr. Farhat began his remarks by describing how the complex interplay among Lebanon's major confessional communities—the Christians, Druze, Sunnis, and Shiites—has defined Lebanese society and politics, both historically and today. Currently, he said, external forces of Sunni radicalism and Shiite fundamentalism vie with each other to achieve influence in the country, a clash that further complicates the traditional contest among regional and global powers for predominance in Lebanon.

In response to questions about what organizations like CIDCM can do, Mr. Farhat stressed that within Lebanon is a vibrant network of non-sectarian educational and cultural NGOs that is worthy of support. He added that despite the generally low reputation of the United States in the Middle East and worldwide, many Lebanese of all religious affiliations still look to American society as a model to be emulated.

Professor Suheil Bushrui, director of the Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace Project, sponsored Mr. Farhat's visit to CIDCM, and Professor Shukri Abed, senior scholar with CIDCM, provided Arabic-English translation.

#### ICB Version 8 Released

CIDCM is very pleased to announce the release of ICB Version 8, covering all international and foreign policy crises for the period 1918-2005. This version includes data on 447 international crises (icb1v8) and 983 crisis actors (icb2v8). The data are stored in SPSS data files.

### **CIDCM Co-sponsors Workshop on Deterrence**

The Center for International Development and Conflict Management will cosponsor a Deterrence Workshop on April 25th, 2008, in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and the Sadat Chair for Peace.

The workshop will examine deterrence issues in the light of recent international events and foreign policy debates. The workshop will be organized around five broad issues: deterring non-state actors, assessing credibility, the role of public opinion, Iran and nuclear weapons, and deterrence at a two-level problem, and it will bring together experts in both deterrence and Middle East politics.

## **Democracy Collaborative**

### **Cleveland Foundation Grant**

The Democracy Collaborative has been awarded a \$198,000 grant by The Cleveland Foundation to work closely with the Foundation in implementing an “economic inclusion” strategy in Cleveland’s Greater University Circle neighborhoods. The strategy draws closely on the Collaborative’s community wealth building research and expertise to address systemic poverty in these underserved neighborhoods. The year-long project is designed as a “three-legged stool” which incorporates these elements:

- Leveraging a portion of the multi-billion dollar annual business expenditures of the area’s leading anchor institutions (particularly universities and hospitals) in ways that direct economic activity into the GUC neighborhoods;
- Building up a range of new, locally-owned community wealth building enterprises that promote asset accumulation and anchor capital within the neighborhoods; and
- Incorporating a core commitment to environmental sustainability and the creation of “green collar jobs” to produce visibly green GUC neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Ted Howard at: [thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu](mailto:thoward@civilsociety.umd.edu)

### **Promoting Research Results**

Steve Dubb of The Democracy Collaborative organized a national “webinar” on “Linking Your Community Development Corporation to Local Anchor Institutions.” Approximately 75 practitioners from around the country participated in the April 23 event.

Ted Howard participated in a panel discussion on “Innovations in Asset and Wealth Building” at the national PolicyLink conference. Approximately 200 scholars, practitioners, and government officials attended the two hour session.

The Democracy Collaborative has added several new features to its Community-Wealth.org research website, which now averages more than 35,000 unique visitors per month. Visit: [www.Community-Wealth.org](http://www.Community-Wealth.org).

## Harrison Program

The Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda promotes research, teaching, and public dialogue on issues related to ecological security, long-term sustainability, energy and environmental policy, and global governance. The Harrison Program also hosts international visitors; sponsors conferences, workshops, and visiting speakers; and sponsors two doctoral students annually as Harrison Dissertation Fellows. For more info see [www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison](http://www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison) or contact the Harrison Program's director, Ken Conca at [kconca@gvpt.umd.edu](mailto:kconca@gvpt.umd.edu).



### FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Books in or out of Press

**Uslaner, Ric** *Corruption, Inequality, and the Rule of Law: The Bulging Pocket Makes the Easy Life*, will be published in May by Cambridge University Press.

#### Chapters and Article Publications

**Heisler, Martin** EMERITUS, served as Special Editor and author of two articles of "The Politics of History in Comparative Perspective", Vol. 617 (May 2008) of "The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science". In addition to Heisler's two articles, "The Political Currency of the Past: History, Memory, and Identity," and "Challenged Histories and Collective Self-Concepts: Politics in History, Memory, and Time," the volume contains Vladimir Tismaneanu's "Democracy and Memory: Romania Confronts Its Communist Past," and Jenny Wüstenberg and David Art's "Using the Past in the Nazi Successor States from 1945 to the Present."

#### Awards

**Haufler, Virginia** won the 2007-2008 BSOS Teaching-Mentorship Award

**Kaufmann, Karen** won the 2007-2008 BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.

#### Lectures, Presentations and Other

**Uslaner, Ric** will deliver lectures on "Corruption and the Inequality Trap" at Uppsala University, Sweden, April 24, 2008.



### GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Chapters and Article Publications

**Beevers, Michael**. "The Potential Impacts of Sea Level Rise on the Coastal Region of New Jersey, USA" (with Matthew JP Cooper and Michael Oppenheimer). *Climatic Change* (2008). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10584-008-9422-0> (*Climatic Change* is a premier, peer reviewed journal for climate change science and policy)

**Wüstenberg, Jenny** 'Using the Past in the Nazi-Successor States from 1945 to the Present' in the Annals of the Academy of the Social and Political Sciences, May 2008 (co-authored with David Art).

### Awards

**Beevers, Michael D.** has been awarded a 2008-2009 Peace Scholar Fellowship by the United States Institute of Peace. The Fellowship carries with it a stipend of \$20,000. Michael will devote the fellowship period to his dissertation research ("Environmental and Natural Resources Governance: A Missing Link for Postconflict Peacebuilding"), which will include fieldwork in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

**Paik, Sung-Wook**, won the 2007-2008 Graduate Student BSOS Excellence in Teaching Award.

### Lectures and Presentations

**Beevers, Michael.** "Framing Choices and Constructing Change: Postconflict Peacebuilding and the Shaping of Environmental Sustainability". Poster presented at the ISA Annual Convention in San Francisco, March 27, 2008.

**Pavalko, Rima** and **McBrayer, Greg** collaborated on a panel on "Gender in the City from Athens to Austen" at the 66th annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in April. Pavalko's paper, "The Absence of Eros in Aristophanes' Assembly of Women," discussed the implications of gender equality in political life for both the city and the family. McBrayer's paper, which covered Book V of Plato's Republic and parts of Plato's Symposium, was titled "Socrates Critique of Manliness."

**Wüstenberg, Jenny** 'Memory through Community Activism – Examining the German History Movement' presented at the Conference on Memorialization, Community, and Justice, Pennsylvania State University, April 11-12, 2008.

**SCHEDULE****May 2008**

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